

Lyndhurst, Ohio
May 5, 2025

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7:32 P.M., Vice Mayor David A. Frey, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives J. A. Marko, J. Price, J. A. Gambatese, L. A. Schlessel, S. C. Grushetsky, C. A. LoPresti.

Others Present: P. A. Ward, Mayor;
J. P. Luskin, Director of Law;
R. J. Schmidlin, Assistant Director of Law;
P. A. Rhode, Chief of Police;
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire;
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner;
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;
R. Petrunyak, Director of Finance;
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

* Mr. Schlessel and Mr. LoPresti both attended the meeting remotely via the Zoom Meeting Application.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, April 21, 2025, copies of which were distributed to all Members, be dispensed with, and said minutes stand approved as circulated.

The question was put to a voice vote and passed with Mr. Frey abstaining.

Mayor Ward began the swearing in ceremony by introducing the three new members of the Lyndhurst Police Department.

Before the Oath of Office was administered, Chief Rhode asked the two new patrol officers to commit to the mission statement and uphold the core values of the Lyndhurst Police Department.

Mayor Ward administered the Oath of Office to new Patrol Officers Raymond D. Hildreth and Thomas D. Smith, and new Auxiliary Officer Melissa M. Supler.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward announced that the anticipated grand opening of Tous Les Jours will be this coming Friday, May 9th at 10am! He remarked how the owner was thoughtful to pay homage to the structure of the Lyndhurst Floral building and even became friends with the Santos family. Mayor Ward shared that Sunay's Turkish café will be hosting their grand opening on Saturday, May 10th at 4pm. He stated that Yami Express, a hibachi take out, will be opening in the space where Boston Market was, and Toko Japanese Steakhouse will be going in the space where BW3's was; no opening dates have been set. While renovations continue at East Coast Custard, he confirmed that an opening date has not yet been set.

Mayor Ward reminded everyone of the Spring shredding event and food drive this Saturday, May 10th from 11:30am-3:30pm in the city hall parking lot. He also mentioned that the next Council meeting scheduled on Monday, May 19th will be moving locations to the Lyndhurst Community Center to be held prior to the State of the City Address.

Mayor Ward stated there is a Heritage Home Program this Wednesday at 6pm in the Beachwood community building. He explained how this program provides residents with homes over 50 years or older, renovations with access to lower cost home equity loans.

Finally, Mayor Ward gave an update on community center renovations and announced that CPA activities are starting back this week. He thanked Senator Kent Smith for his advocacy on receiving grant funds for the project.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky had no formal report.

PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Frey had no report.

ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price had no report.

SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price had no report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Chairperson Gambatese had no report at this time.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky reported that the committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss cannabis dispensary businesses. He stated that the committee has requested that legislation be drafted for review at the next council meeting. In addition, Mr. Grushetsky commented that the committee will be tasking the Planning Commission with review of business regulations for vapor stores within the city.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Council member Schlessel was not attending in person; therefore, a report was not given.

SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION – A member of the school board was not present to deliver a report.

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

The floor was opened for public comment, with none being heard.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-23
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

AN ORDINANCE PARTIALLY SUSPENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE SALE, POSSESSION, AND CONSUMPTION OF BEER AND WINE IN LYNDHURST PARK DURING LYNDHURST HOME DAY FOR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-23 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Price, Gambatese, Grushetsky, Frey.
Nays: None

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-23 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2025-23 be passed.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Price, Gambatese, Grushetsky, Frey.
Nays: None

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-23 is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-24
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 951.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY WITH REGARD TO RUBBISH COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2025-24 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Price, Gambatese, Grushetsky, Frey.
Nays: None

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2025-24 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that Ordinance No. 2025-24 be passed.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Price, Gambatese, Grushetsky, Frey.
Nays: None

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2025-24 is passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-25
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 11 THROUGH MAY 17, 2025 AS
“NATIONAL POLICE WEEK” IN THE CITY OF LYNDHURST**

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Resolution No. 2025-25 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be read in its entirety.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Price, Gambatese, Grushetsky, Frey.
Nays: None

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2025-25 was read in its entirety by Ms. Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Gambatese, seconded by Mr. Price, that Resolution No. 2025-25 be adopted.

Prior to the vote, Vice Mayor Frey mentioned there have been 23 police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty this year. He asked everyone to take a moment of silence to recognize those officers. Vice Mayor also thanked the members of the Lyndhurst Police Department for their service, especially for those in attendance this evening.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Price, Gambatese, Grushetsky, Frey.
Nays: None

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2025-25 is adopted.

Mayor Ward shared that he received a thank you from Canopy Child Advocacy Center for the attention given to Child Abuse Prevention month in April by passing a resolution and setting up a pinwheel garden in front of city hall. He spoke about his recent tour of the facility and the services they provide. Mayor Ward remarked that it is both heart breaking and heartwarming that these services exist and are needed. He spoke about the importance of training employees on how to recognize trauma, adverse childhood experiences, awareness, and empathetic in every aspect they can be. Mayor Ward was very appreciative of the acknowledgement of Council’s action and support!

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the meeting be adjourned.

The question was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Approved: May 19, 2025

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor